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'MORE UNKNOWN THAN THERE ARE KNOWN'

## DID DOMESTIC CLASH PROMPT SHOOTING?

**Church massacre:** Air Force acknowledges it should have reported gunman after conviction; phrase 'thoughts and prayers' draws fire online



JAY JANNER — AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Sheree Rumph of San Antonio prays over two of the crosses erected in memory of the 26 people killed in a Sunday shooting in Texas.

**#Cliche?**  
'Thoughts and prayers' means 'doing nothing'

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Sharing "thoughts and prayers" has long been the go-to condolence for a grieving America, but after Orlando, Las Vegas and now the Texas church massacres that three-word refrain has become nearly as incendiary as the gun control debate itself.

#ThoughtsAndPrayers lit up Twitter again Monday, the latest salvo in the country's political culture wars as politicians face a growing backlash for using the expression after mass shootings instead of taking action on gun control. Even those outside the Beltway endured the thoughts and prayers wrath.

"Gotta be honest," tweeted

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**Guns:** Probe focuses on how Kelley got arms after year in jail

By Eva Ruth Moravec and Mark Berman  
Washington Post

**SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS**  
» The massacre of more than two dozen churchgoers — the youngest of whom was just 18 months old — occurred amid an ongoing "domestic situation" involving the gunman and his relatives, some of whom had attended the church, law enforcement officials said Monday.

Also on Monday, the Air Force launched an internal review into why it failed to provide key information to the FBI that should have prevented the attacker from purchasing firearms. While serving in the Air Force, the gunman — Devin Patrick Kelley,

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MARK RALSTON — AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE VIA GETTY IMAGES

FBI agents search for clues outside the First Baptist Church.



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Relatives comfort Jennifer Palacios, center, mother of a 14-year-old who was killed.



Devin Kelley

Investigators are looking into how he obtained firearms for the shooting melee.

SAN JOSE SHAKEUP



NICHOLAS KAMM — AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump jokes with Broadcom CEO Hock Tan as Tan announces the company's return to the U.S.

## Big tech takeover shocks valley

Broadcom's \$130B bid to acquire Qualcomm is largest in history

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**SAN JOSE** » Even for a region where earthquakes are always possible, the Bay Area has rarely woken up to the kind of temblors that on Monday shook up the semiconductor industry.

Communications chipmaker Broadcom made the biggest takeover offer in tech-sector history, with an unsolicited bid to acquire San Diego-based Qualcomm in a deal valued at \$130 billion. The Broadcom offer values Qualcomm at \$70 a share, or \$105 billion, plus the assumption of about \$25 billion in debt.

The move comes just days after Broadcom, which already had its co-headquarters in San Jose, said it would move its legal headquarters back to the U.S., to Delaware from Singapore.

The news of Broadcom's offer came as growing competition among other Silicon Valley chipmakers produced an unusual pairing in the valley: Advanced Micro Devices, which announced in August 2016 it's moving its headquarters to Santa Clara from Sunnyvale, said Monday that it is teaming up with its longtime rival, Santa Clara-based Intel, on a new product. An AMD graphics processor unit (GPU) will be integrated into a new chipset from Intel as the two chip giants take aim at a similar graphics offering from Nvidia, yet another Santa Clara-based chipmaker.

Intel said the new chipsets with AMD technology will launch in

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

## Wine Country's message to tourists: We are still here

Businesses attempt to lure visitors back after wildfires with attractive discounts

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As the recovery continues from last month's devastating Northern California wildfires, the iconic wine regions are looking to kick-start their hospitality and tourism industry with a simple message: We are open for business.

The damage to some areas was indeed devastating. In the 22 days from the start of the fires to when they were completely contained, 43 people were killed and thousands of homes and other structures were destroyed. But in this tourism-heavy area, businesses are opening their arms to visitors, saying economic recovery depends on it.

"There is a misperception that everything is gone," said Tim Zahner, chief operating officer of Sonoma County Tourism, but that is not the case. "Sonoma County has more than 1 million acres."

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NEW YORK TIMES ARCHIVES

The iconic French Laundry restaurant in Yountville closed briefly but is now back in business.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

20,000

Number of people in Sonoma County depending on the tourism industry, which brought in \$1.93 billion in 2016.

14,000

Number of people in Napa County depending on the tourism industry, which brought in \$1.4 billion in 2016.

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